

Portland, Oregon, Feb 5-88

Dear Sir,

I shall certainly be much pleased to collect Iris Linnis for you, and only with my circumstances were such that I could altogether disregard the expense attending it, and make it a voluntary gift. You may be assured, however, that I shall make it as light as possible. Still, as the locality is entirely off the main lines of travel it will necessitate a horse for a couple of days. I shall attend to it as soon as the weather will allow me.

Since your last came to hand the blow has fallen upon us. Though I never was personally acquainted with Dr Gray, yet his genial sym-

pathy with young and unknown
scientists could not but win the
hearts of all his correspondents.
I feel, beyond the loss to science in
general, as though I had lost a
personally dear acquaintance.
What will the botanical world
do without him? How will
the Flora of North America be
completed? Had his work in
this direction proceeded far
enough that other hands can
complete it? If you have time
to give my requests an answer,
it will relieve a great deal of
anxiety, which may however never
be lessened. If you can at some
future time send me your exam-
ination of the plants in my last
bundle, beyond what you have
already sent, I shall be obliged.

Yours cordially,
L. T. Hudson.